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(2) <u>Rej.</u>	Claim 1	Johnson	[]	[]	[]
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Interview with Examiner Stormer regarding Application S/N 10/806.671 May 17, 2004

- Introduction
 - Highlight inventors experience in field of balancing
 - Show examples of the cartridge balance weights
- Overview of highlights of claim amendments
 - Method claim 25 now requires
 - step of determining amount of imbalance and a correction location for the imbalance
 - step of attaching cartridge balance weight to the non-pressurized side of the wheel
 - Apparatus claim 1 now requires
 - cartridge attached to tire wheel assembly
 - cartridge includes adhesive
 - cartridge positioned on non-pressurized side of the tubewell
- Video

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- O Steps of standard lead weight balancing of tire/wheel assembly
 - Tire/wheel assembly balances out on a spin balancer
- o Steps of cartridge weight balancing of tire/wheel assembly
 - Tire/wheel assembly balances out on a spin balancer
 - Use of multiple Johnson cartridges pressure side of tubewell
 - Tire/wheel assembly does not balance out on a spin balancer
- O Use of multiple cartridges non-pressure side of wheel 360 degrees
 - Tire/wheel assembly does not balance out on a spin balancer
- O Adding the cartridge weight of the present invention as claimed to the tire/wheel assembly having multiple cartridges non-pressure side of wheel 360 degrees
 - Tire/wheel assembly DOES balance out on a spin balancer
- Advantages of present invention over prior art lead weight balancing
 - o Flowable material can adjust position if balance location changes in use or if attached slightly off the exact location for imbalance correction by balance machine operator
 - Less vibration dampening effect
 - o Better balance actual balance as opposed to within machine tolerances
- Why amended claims are patentable over prior art
 - Novelty
 - there is no prior art that anticipates the claimed invention
 - o Non-Obviousness
 - there is prior art that when combined provides the present invention
 - no motivation, suggestion, or teaching to combine lead weight balancing with flowable 360 degree balance rings or cartridges
 - o No additional searching should be required by claim amendments
 - Amended claims are narrower than originally claimed invention